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David Lackey,
Chairperson

CHAIR'S LETTER

Changes Regarding Continuing Competency Credits

Two rule changes were recently approved which will impact how Continuing Competency Credits (CCC's) may be earned. First of all, online courses are now included in the same category as, "attending

workshops, seminars, lectures, professional conferences accepted by the certifying entity approved by the division". This means that there is no restriction on the number of CCC's that one may earn through online learning options. A practitioner may, if she or he chooses, earn all CCC's (at least 24 every two years) via online learning opportunities.

In accord with a second rule change practitioners may no longer carry over CCC's in excess of 24 from a previous renewal cycle into the current renewal cycle.

Changes Regarding Board Members

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express fond farewells and heart felt thanks to three board members. Public member Erin Hampton recently finished her tenure with the Board. Her enthusiasm, directness and objectivity have been a great asset. Cynthia Ballentine and Kristine Moranville have also finished terms with the Board since our last newsletter. Both of these practitioners have served with the Board since it's inception in 1997. They helped craft the board's rules and have been instrumental in forging and defining a course for the Board. Their abundant gift of public service is most appreciated.

And on behalf of the Board I am excited to welcome Peggy R Gettemeier, OTA/L, Christy K Ostrosky, OTR/L, Public Member Raquel R Martinez.

In Praise of Public Members

The Missouri Board of Occupational Therapy is composed of 6 members. Two of the members, in accord with state statute, are public members. Public members are those who serve on the Board but have no affiliation with the profession of occupational therapy. Over the years our public members have represented and do represent expertise in such fields as education, legislation, paralegal, and massage therapy. Our public members bring to Board deliberation, perspectives and questions that truly represent the public viewpoint. In carrying out our mission to "protect the citizens of the state through the licensing of occupational therapists and assistants, assessing their competence to practice", the public member contribution is vital and necessary. The Board is grateful to those who as dedicated citizens give of their time, energy and expertise to contribute to regulation of the profession of occupational therapy.

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LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In April 2007 the Board will be sending out renewal forms, therefore, please be sure that this office has your current mailing address. Failure to receive the renewal notice does not relieve you of the obligation to renew and pay the required fee prior to June 30, 2007.



*Vanessa Beauchamp,
Executive Director*

In addition, you will be required to attest on the renewal form as to whether or not you have completed the required twenty-four (24) continuing competency credits. For further information regarding the continuing competency requirements, please refer to 4 20 CSR 2205-5.010 Continuing Competency Requirements or visit the website at <http://pr.mo.gov/octherapy.asp>.

Please do not submit verification of having completed the continuing competency requirements unless you receive written notification from this office to do so.

I would like to take this opportunity to address the issue about what titles occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants licensed by the board can use.

If an occupational therapist is both registered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)® and licensed by the Missouri Board of Occupational Therapy, then they can use the title OTR/L. However, if the individual does not hold current registration with NBCOT® but holds a valid license with the Missouri Board of Occupational Therapy, then they can only use the title OT/L.

An occupational therapy assistant who is both certified by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)® and licensed by the Missouri Board of Occupational Therapy can use the title COTA/L. However, if the individual does not hold a current certification with NBCOT® but holds a valid license with the Missouri Board of Occupational Therapy, they can only use the title OTA/L.

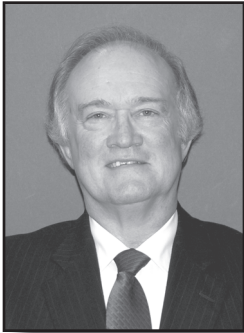
If there are any questions regarding either of these issues or any other licensure matters please contact the board office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Vanessa Beauchamp in cursive script.

Vanessa Beauchamp

MESSAGE FROM DIVISION DIRECTOR



*David Broeker,
Division Director*

My sincere appreciation to Governor Blunt for having appointed me the Director of the Division of Professional Registration beginning July 2. It is certainly a pleasure to serve in this position.

For the last 14+ years I owned and operated my own business in Jefferson City. Prior to that, I spent 17 ½ years in state government; in the Governor's Office, State Auditor's Office, and the Department of Agriculture.

As you probably know, the Governor issued Executive Order 06-04 on February 1, 2006, that created the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration. By a Type III transfer our division became a part of this new department on August 28. A type III transfer is the transfer of a department, division, agency, board, commission, unit, or program to the new department with only such supervision by the head of the department for budgeting and reporting. The Division of Professional Registration was previously a division within the Department of Economic Development.

I am most grateful to the Division's and Boards' staff for the support, advice, and counsel they have given me. This is truly a great group of people.

I look forward to working with all my associates in Professional Registration and continuing the excellent service the entire division has given the approximately 400,000 Missourians who are licensed and regulated and who represent 240 different trades and professions.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance to you. I look forward to working with you in the years to come.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peggy Gettemeier was appointed by Governor Matt Blunt on November 30, 2005, replacing Kristine Moranville. Ms. Gettemeier is a licensed occupational therapy assistant and is currently the Coordinator of Fieldwork Education and Community Initiatives at Saint Louis University School of Allied Health Professions.



Peggy Gettemeier



Raquel Martinez



Christy Ostrosky

Raquel Martinez was appointed by Governor Matt Blunt on March 6, 2006, replacing Erin Hampton. Ms. Martinez serves as one of the Board's public members. She is currently an educator and retired administrator from Kansas City, Missouri.

Christy Ostrosky was appointed by Governor Matt Blunt on June 1, 2006 replacing Cynthia Ballentine. Ms. Ostrosky is a licensed occupational therapist in private practice providing pediatric practice specializing in provision of school based services to children in school districts in southwest Missouri.

MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS

April 20-23, 2007

AOTA Annual Conference and Expo

The 2007 AOTA conference will be in St. Louis April 20 – 23rd. This will give area therapists, therapy assistants and students a great opportunity to become involved in our national association. Since Missouri is the host state, it is our responsibility to help provide volunteers. There are several different areas for volunteer participation: Session Scanners, AOTA Market Place, Registration Desk, Reasonable Accommodations Committee and Hospitality Committee.

Sessions Scanners: These individuals stand at the door of the continuing education sessions and scan the badges of attendees. Scanners can attend their scanning sessions for free but if they would like continuing education credit, they must pay \$25 for every three contact hours.

AOTA Market Place: Volunteers help ring up and bag purchases made by attendees at the AOTA bookstore in the exhibit hall.

Registration Desk: This involves staffing the registration tables at the initial check in point.

Reasonable Accommodations: Volunteers will assist those with special needs. Some work for this committee will take place prior to conference.

Hospitality: Volunteers in this area will serve as resources to the St. Louis area. Some work for this committee will also occur prior to conference.

At the current time, we are in the process of establishing a data base with the contact information for anyone wishing to volunteer. The information that is needed includes: name, address, phone numbers, and email address. For students, it would be helpful if one person from each educational program collects the names of interested students and send the information at one time.

Mary Fran Reilly Daniel and Cindy Kempf are the local conference co-chairs. The other members of the committee are Bob Cunningham, Reasonable Accommodations Chair; Karen Parker Davis, Hospitality Chair; and Peggy Gettemeier, Sue Grogan and Carol Ponciroli who are the People Power Co-Chairs. If you are interested in volunteering in some capacity at the AOTA conference, please submit your contact information to Peggy Gettemeier. Her email address is gettempr@slu.edu. Volunteers will be contacted after the first of the year when we have a list of individual sessions and specific times that we need help. We are looking for around 300 volunteers to make this a successful conference. Additional information will be posted on the MOTA website and in MOTAvations. We hope to see everyone in St. Louis in April!

2007 MEETING DATES

All meetings held at the Division of Professional Registration,
Jefferson City, MO. Board may schedule additional meetings as necessary.

February 15, 2007

May 10, 2007

August 9, 2007

November 8, 2007



COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

All complaints received by the Board are numbered and tracked on the complaint log. A complaint may be based upon personal knowledge or information received from other sources. The complaint must be made in writing. Verbal or telephone communications are not acceptable, but you may request a complaint form by telephone, fill it out and mail back to the Board. In general, the complaint is considered to be a closed record and is not accessible to the public.



Any complaint that is received by the Board is acknowledged in writing. The complainant will be notified of the final outcome. Any disciplinary action taken by the Board is a matter of public record. The Board believes publication of disciplinary actions to be in the public interest and has included such in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Vanessa Beauchamp, Executive Director at our office.

Please refer to sections 324.083 and 610.010.15(6), RSMo, in addition to regulation 4 CSR 205.1.040 for specific complaint handling language.

The following disciplinary actions were taken by the Board since the last newsletter and will be maintained as open records, according to the terms of the action:

Name	License #	Violation	Disciplinary Action/Date
Steven Passley	2003011549	324.086(10) and 4 CSR 205-6.010.1(H)(J)	Revoked
Sarah Plotycia	004627	Violated the Consent Order entered into on March 25, 2005	Probation 8/4/2006 to 8/4/2009

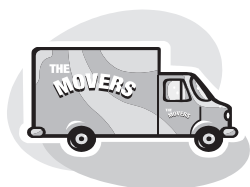
STAY CURRENT

For a copy of the most current laws and regulations, please visit the website at <http://pr.mo.gov/oc-therapy.asp>. In addition, you can find:

- Application Forms
- Change of Address form
- Continuing Competency Guidelines
- Newsletters
- Complaint Forms

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**PLEASE NOTIFY THE
BOARD OFFICE OF
YOUR NEW ADDRESS.**

The rules and regulations require all licensees to notify the Division of all such changes by sending a letter to the office in Jefferson City, Missouri. Please include a street address to facilitate any express mail deliveries.

NAME: _____

PROFESSION: _____ LICENSE NUMBER: _____

(P.O. BOX MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY YOUR PHYSICAL ADDRESS)

OLD ADDRESS: _____

NEW ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

PLEASE MAIL TO:

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